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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) 1-20 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some *
 - c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION***Points of Contact***

Because of the nature of this Office Action, Applicant is notified that the Examiner is available at (571) 272-3836. See below for more details on Points of Contact.

Election/Restrictions

Newly amended claim 1-20 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: In the new claims, the new limitations are considered vital. See pages 12-14 of the amendment, especially the sentence which states: "In contrast, the cited references fail to disclose the above noted encryption attribute header to be added to the encrypted content information, which includes copy attribute information necessitated for copy protection of the content information, and that the encryption attribute header is set between the basic transport header and the encrypted content information, which is not subject to encryption, both of which serve as copy protect information in order to secure the copyright of digital content information, such as Audio/visual data transmitted in real-time."

The new claims are no longer directed to packet header designating cryptographically protected data such as the original set of claims – Class 713, subclass 160. Instead, the novelty (as claimed and argued in the amendment) now lays in the encryption attribute header to be added to the encrypted content information, which includes copy attribute information necessitated for copy

protection of the content information, and that the encryption attribute header is set between the basic transport header and the encrypted content information, which is not subject to encryption, both of which serve as copy protect information in order to secure the copyright of digital content information – Class 705, subclasses 57-58, and Class 380, subclasses 201-204, which relate to such copy protection and encryption in such context.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Conclusion

The art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The art disclosed general background.

Points of Contact

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Jung whose telephone number is (571) 272-3836 or Greg Morse whose telephone number is (571) 272-3838.

David Jung

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Patent Examiner

2005-01-24

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